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In the Claims:

1.-12. Cancelled

13. (new) A garment for protection against impact; the garment comprising:
a single frontal airbag for protection of an upper body of a wearer;
one of a jacket and a vest housing the airbag;
wherein the airbag extends from a first side to a second side of a chest of the wearer at a location above the sternum.
14. (new) A garment suitable for one of athletes and motorcyclists, the garment comprising:
a jacket having one of sleeves and no sleeves;
the jacket comprising a plurality of means for active protection of an upper part of a body of the one of athletes and motorcyclists against one of trauma and fracture due to one of falls and impact against an obstacle;
wherein the plurality of means for active protection of the upper part of the body comprises a single active protection means which extends from one side to the other of a chest above the sternum.
15. (new) The garment of claim 14 further comprising a front opening (15) offset from a center line of the garment.
16. (new) The garment of claim 14 wherein the plurality of active protection means comprises airbags.
17. (new) The garment of claim 16 further comprising a device for inflating the airbags.
18. (new) The garment of claim 17, wherein the device comprises pyrotechnics.
19. (new) The garment of claim 17 further comprising electronic means for activating the device in response to the detection of one of risk and danger signals emitted by sensors that are one of incorporated and not incorporated in the garment.

20. (new) The garment of claim 16, wherein the airbags are arranged on a back portion and a chest portion of the jacket and are covered by flaps, the flaps being releasably joined to a remaining portion of the garment.
21. (new) The garment of claim 17 further comprising a support means joined to an inside of the jacket, the support means for housing the device.
22. (new) The garment of claim 21, wherein the support means comprises a belt.
23. (new) The garment of claim 21, wherein the support means comprises a band for winding around the chest.
24. (new) The garment of claim 21, wherein the support means comprises a strap.
25. (new) The garment of claim 21, wherein the support means houses the electronic means.
26. (new) The garment of claim 14 further comprising a bottom portion for covering a bottom part of a body.